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PATENT

Docket No. GC477C1



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In re Application of)

Wang et al.)

Serial No. 09/273,957)

Filed: March 22, 1999)

For: Novel Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme)
Enzymes)

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: M. A. Walicka, Ph.D.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks. This response is considered timely. A petition for a two-month extension of time is concurrently filed herewith.

In the Claims

Please replace the following amended claims with a clean copy of said claims. A marked-up version is appended hereto.

B, 3.(Once amended) A purified phenol oxidizing enzyme obtained from a *Stachybotrys chartarum* or a *Stachybotrys parvispora*, wherein said purified enzyme exhibits an increase in apparent molecular weight after boiling, as determined by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and is capable of modifying the color associated with a dye or a colored compound.

Applicants acknowledge the non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 1 - 15, 17 and 56 -57 over claims 1, 2, 3 of copending Application No. 09/218,702 and further the Examiner's statement that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome the actual or provisional rejection.

Further Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has made a "same invention" statutory type double patenting rejection of claim 15 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 3 of copending Application No. 09/218,702.


Applicants respectfully defer any further discussion on the double patenting rejections until there is agreed upon patentable subject matter in the present application.

Based on the amendment and remarks provided herein Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of all rejections and the allowance of claims 3, 6 - 17, and 57 - 63 is kindly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated April 4, 2001.

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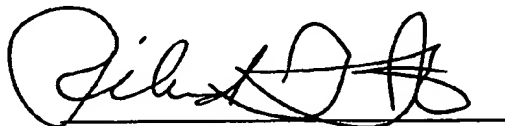
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Respectfully submitted,

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